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For: A METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF)
TOBACCO SPECIFIC NITROSAMINES)

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information cited in a PCT Search Report. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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